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The Honorable Hillary Clinton
 Secretary
 U.S. Department of State
 2201 C Street NW
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Dear Honorable Clinton:

I write today in support of the TransCanada XL Pipeline and respectfully request you to complete work on the Presidential Permit application for the Keystone XL Pipeline for the following reasons.

First, Canada is an important trade partner and politically stable energy supplier to the United States. Canada is the United States' largest supplier of oil and natural gas, supplying 12 percent of U.S. petroleum consumption needs and 18 percent of petroleum imports. Second only to Saudi Arabia, Canada has vast oil reserves of 175 billion barrels of which the oil sands make up approximately 97 percent. At current production rates, Canadian oil sands could produce much needed energy for more than 100 years.

Coming from Texas, which is the nation's leader in renewable energy production and a pioneer in developing its own state portfolio standard, I support efforts to promote renewable energy production that meets the unique circumstances and resources of each state. However, even with increases in renewable energy, the Energy Information Administration found that oil, natural gas, and coal will continue to make up the large majority of U.S. energy use in 2030 and beyond. The stable, long-term energy supply that will result from this project is critical to U.S. energy security at a time when global supplies are often found in geopolitically unstable regions of the world, and production from once-reliable sources is declining.

Secondly, during the construction phase of the expansion, Keystone will generate more than \$585 million in state and local taxes for the states along the pipeline route and stimulate more than \$20 billion in new spending for the U.S. economy. In Texas alone, an independent study estimates that during construction, the project is expected to stimulate:

1. \$2.3 billion in new spending for the Texas economy
2. More than 50,300 person years of employment
3. Increased personal income of \$1.6 billion
4. Additional state and local tax revenues of more than \$48 million
5. \$1.9 billion in increased Gross State Product

The study further concluded that once the pipeline is operational, Texas could see nearly \$1.1 billion in property taxes to county and other local governments and nationally, the project will add more than 250,000 permanent jobs for U.S. workers and add more than \$100 billion in annual total expenditures to the U.S. economy.

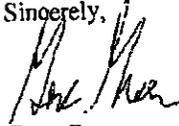
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Thank you for your engagement on this matter and I appreciate your consideration of my request. If I can ever be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Gene Green
Member of Congress

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